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1. In mid-December 1950, the Ministerium fuer Post und Fernmeldewesen (Postal Service and Telecommunications Ministry) (MPF), after preparatory talks held with other ministries, requested the Ministry of the Interior to establish a central agency for the organization of radio traffic conducted by radio stations on mobile installations. This agency is to start with the organization of radio service for maritime shipping, but later on is to assume radio service for trains, inland shipping, motor traffic and aviation. Its missions are to include:
 - a. Equipment of ships with transmitters, receivers and direction-finder sets.
 - b. Assignment of operators to ships and planning of operations.
 - c. Technical maintenance of radio equipment aboard ships.
 - d. Training of radio operators.
2. The agency is to be organized in the form of a nationalized enterprise (VEB) but is to be given the legal status of an association of nationalized enterprises (VVB). The Ministry of the Interior (MDI) has suggested that the MPF be given the management of the enterprise since most of its activities are connected with signal communications. Other ministries will have a voice in questions within their spheres of activity. For this reason the new VVB is to be controlled by a board of directors, including a delegation of the MDI named by the naval police or the Sea-Hydrographic Institute; a representative of the MPF delegated by the Post und Fernmeldetechnisches Zentralamt (Central Office of the Postal and Telecommunications Administration) (PFZ); a representative of the Ministry of Traffic delegated by the Directorate General, Shipping; a representative of the Ministry of Machine-building delegated by the VVB R-F-T (Radio, Telephone and Telegraph); a representative of the Ministry of Planning, and possibly a representative of the Information Office.
3. The ministries represented on the board of directors will take all

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appropriate steps required for the furtherance of maritime radio traffic, inasmuch as these steps are within their spheres of authority. The managing director of this VEB, who is to be responsible to the MPF, is to set up an Administrative Division, an Operations Division and a Technical Division.

4. An estimate of costs was attached to the request of the MPF. When the VEB described above starts functioning it will take over the maritime radio equipment owned by the GDS and the Association of Nationalized Enterprises, Fisheries (VVB-F). During a transitional period the VVB R-F-T may also be employed for maintenance work on radio equipment.
5. The following arrangements were made by the MPF, in cooperation with other agencies, regarding questions of maritime radio service:
 - a. Call signals must be approved for each ship individually. For this reason the GDS must report to the MPF the commissioning of a new vessel at least four weeks prior to its registration. For fishing craft this report will have to be made by the VVB-F to the MPF through the GDS. All ships and fishing craft available in the Soviet Zone of Germany will have their identity and call signals checked. For this purpose the GDS is to prepare a list of all ships. The new proposals for the assignment of call signals are to be made in cooperation with the MPF. Identity signals, which will be published internationally, also will be allocated to those ships, which do not use call signals. The naval police will check on the question of whether such a procedure is advisable for its craft.
 - b. Training courses for maritime radio operators are scheduled to be held at the Navigation School in Wustrow. The first two-week course, to be attended by 15 operators selected by the VVB-F in Rostock, is to begin on 5 January 1951. Technical training is to be supplemented by political indoctrination, the scope of which is to be prescribed by the Culture and Training Divisions of the MfI and MPF. At intervals of three to four weeks such courses, attended by 15 operators each, are to follow until a sufficient number of maritime radio operators is available. Only a Morse training set of the R-F-T Rostock and an old set of the Schwerin postal administration headquarters are available for training purposes at this time. Two type 1/51 radio receivers and one demonstration model of these sets will be delivered by the R-F-T on 1 March 1951.

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